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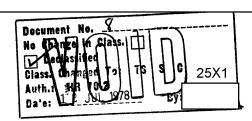
- The Kopaonik Mine is located in the village of Novo Brdo on Topaonik mountain in Serbia. The mine is rich in zinc, lead and silver ore. daily output of approximately 300 tons is being increased steadily but privitive installations and technical mismanagement cause frequent casualties at ag the miners. Approximately 500 workers, inskilled miners, are employed, but heir morale and efficiency is poor. About 175 people are on forced labor.
- 2. The electric plant in Zvecan provides electricity for the mine at underground acetylene lamps are in use. Cranes are of British pre-war manufac ure and there is one old compressor of German make. There are two digging unnels more than 300 meters deep. Excavated ore is transported in horse-Chann vehicles to a bunker where it is stored for further transportation . Lesak along an eleven bilometer funicular. The ore is forwarded from Less; to a processing plant in Zvecan by rail.
- 3. Administrative personnel total thirty. Engineer Stevovic is the Technani Director while Ivan Tarle directs administration and Milos Radosavljevic is the political leader. Salaries are relatively good at the mine: from 8 00 to 10,000 dinars a month. But the food is poor and miners and administrative personnel receive the same food, despite differences in their entitled rations. The cooperative shop is without textiles.
- The mine is guarded by twenty militiamen, armed with rifles of German manufact 79

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